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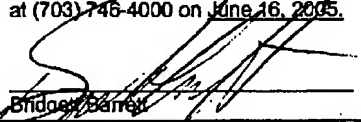
**Title:** Ink Drop Detector Configurations

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**COMMENTS ON**  
**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed on May 9, 2005, and the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance dated April 26, 2005, Applicants agree with the Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability of the allowed claims, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, Applicants believe that the application is allowable because the prior art fails to teach, anticipate or render obvious the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased.

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